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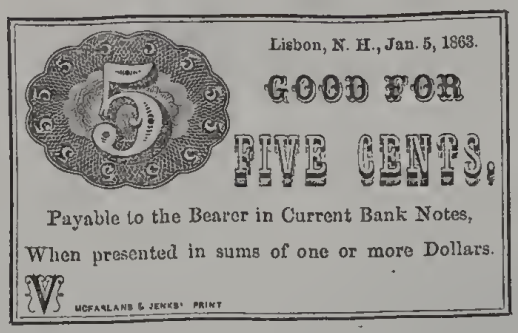

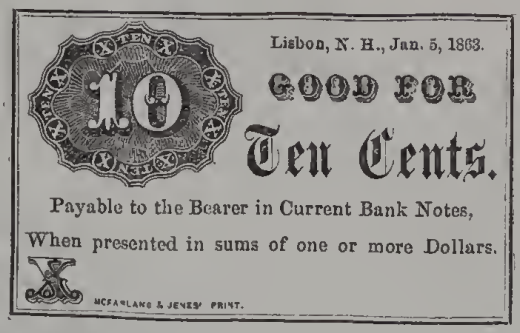

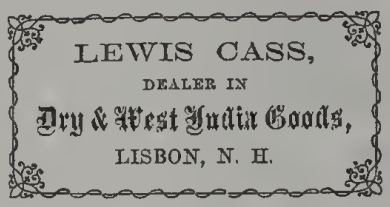

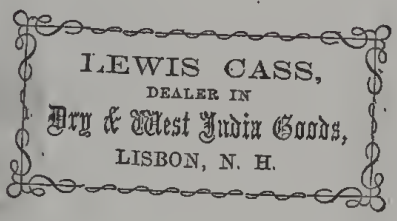

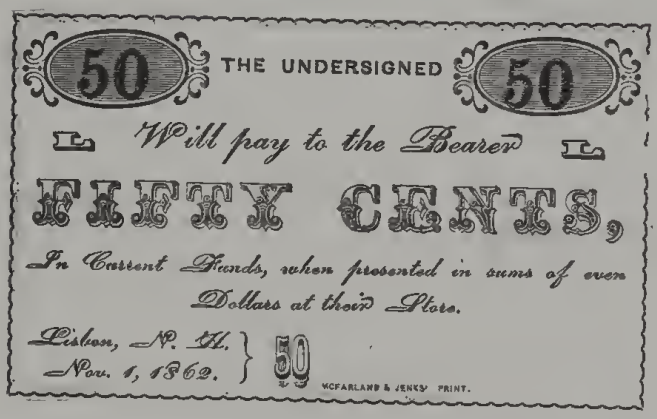

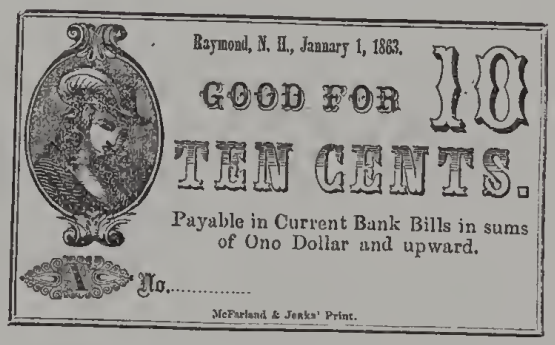

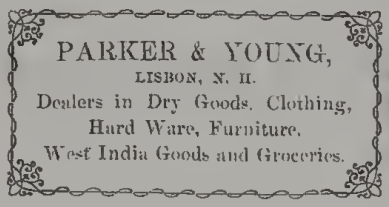

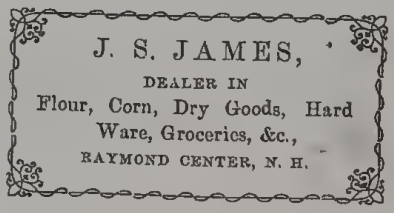

NHNA 35TH ANNUAL CONVENTION COIN SHOW IN CONCORD APRIL 18

Thje 35th anniversary of New Hampshire Numismatic Association will be celebrated with a coin show on April 18 in Bektash Temple, 189 Pembroke Road, Concord. There will be over 30 bourse tablers with dealers selling coins, stamps, and collectibles.

A placque will be awarded to the winner in each of the following exhibit classes: U. S. Coins, Foreign Coiins, Paper Money, and Exonumia (tokens, medals, etc. A President's Trophy will be awardedf for Best of Show

Exhibit cases will be available in two sizes: 22" x 28" x 2" deep or 24" x 34" x 6" deep. Also frames holding 16 9" x 12" pages are available for paper money or other items on [pages. Write Bob Fritsch, Box 3003 , Nashua, N. H. 03061-3003 for a brochure with score card etc.

Bouirse chairman, Kennetrh Fancher, 416 Chestnut St., Manchester, N..H. 03101, will reserve 8 foot bourse tables at $40 ,with back-up table, or two corner table with one back-up for $70. The location is near route 106 where recent Tri-State shows have been held with very favorabike reaction by dealkers and public.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE NOTES IN AUCTION

The Bowers and Merena auction Mar. 5-7 in Baltimore has two sheets of N. H. notes: Lot 2519 has Concord Bank notes G76,76, 92, and 106 issued about 1817, a remainder sheet. Lot 2520 is a proof sheet of Rockingham Bank, Portsmouth, G24, 24, 36, and 48.

Lot 2684 contains Piscataqua Exchange Bank, Portsmouth. notes, 2 NH 2186 G6 and 10 G12, all on pink paper. Phone 569-5095 in New Hampshire or 800-458-4o46 outside NH for more information. Some group, lots may contain N. H. notes also.

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NUMISMATIC CALENDAR

Feb 15 Mar, 15 etc, Third Sunday Shows, Holiday Inn Northeastern Blvd. Exit 4, Rt. 3. Nashua,N. H

Feb 18. Centennial Auctions coin and stamp auction at same Holiday Inn Viewing starts at noon. stamp auction at 3 30, coin auction at 7:30

Apr. 18, NHNA Coin show, Bektash Tewmple. 189 Pembroke Rd. Concord, N. H. (near Route 106)

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25c COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES MINT

A contest for the design of the New Hampshire quarter was announced in the last Nonagon, A copy of that announcement may be obtained from Robert Fritsch, Box 3003; Nashua, N. H. 03061-

The following design parameters have been announced: Legislation: Public Law 105-124 provides for designs to be submitted in accordance with the design selection and approval process developed by the Treasury Secretary in the sole discretion of the Secretary. The law further required that because it is important that the Nation's coinage and currency bear dignified designs, of which the citizens of the United States can be proud, the Secretary shall not select any frivolous or inapropriate design, and no head and shoulders portrait or bust of any person, living or dead, and no portrait of of a living person may be included in the design.

Creiteria: Designs shall maintain a dignity befitting the Nation's coinage. Designs shall have broad appeal to the citizens of the State and avoid controversial subjects or symbols that are likely to offend. Suitable subject matter for design concepts include State landmarks (natural and man- made) landscapes, historically significant buildings, symbols of State resources or industries, official State flora and fauna, State icons, and outlines of the State. Stae flags and State seals are not considered suitable for designs. No inscripotions should be included in the State design concept.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am excited about our 35th anniversary convention on April 18. This is the first New Hampshire Numismatic Association event in a long time. We are grateful to the New Hampshire Collectors' Club for sponsoring this event.

There is a lot to do between now and the show. Although no designs have been received for the New Hampshire quarter design contest there will be increased publicity about it (watch the Union Leader and Nashua Telegraph) and we are hopeful of high participation. A few souvenirs are in the works. continuing a NHNA tradition from our glory years. And each member is encvouraged to submit an exhibit, an integral part of shows of this type

See you in April. Bob Fntsch, Presidenmt

CELLULOID HEROES MADE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

By Sam Allen, LM-100

Those eccentric few who collect pinbacks , ribbons and celluloid novelties from New Hampshire will certainly confess that they have pondered the origin of their treasures. They have daydreamed once or twice about the days when roads were dominated by horse and carriage and various civic, fraternal and political causes were proudly proclaimed on the lapel or bodice of everyday people. This public interest in wearable commemoratives led to the rise of the novelty manufacturing industry in the post Civil War era and continued until World War I. Names such as Whitehead and Hoag of Newark, NJ; Schwaab and Son of Milwaukee, WI; and Bastion Bros. of Rochester, NY are synonymous with a wide range of novelty and souvenir items. However little is known about New Hampshire producers such as the Ehrman Manufacturing Co. of Milford, NH and J.P. Kelley, Book and Job Printer of Concord, NH.. This article will detail the Ehrman Manufacturing Co.. J.P. Kelley and Emile E. Marquis of Nashua, NH will be covered in the next NONAGON.

In 1906, the Ehrman Manufacturing Co. of Boston, MA, seeking to expand its markets, assumed a space in Milford, NH previously occupied by the Blackie Manufacturing Co.. Ehrman Manufacturing had found a niche in producing celluloid novelties such as political buttons and trade emblems. The town of Milford granted a tax exemption (early community development?) and Ehrman remodeled the existing building and added a structure for machinery. The factory employed seventy-four persons (mostly women) at its peak, but it is recorded that as many as four hundred other women did piece work such as stitching and gluing in their homes.

Due to financial difficulties, the company was placed in receivership in 1908. A syndicate purchased the factory in 1909 for $25, 800 and resumed the production of pinback buttons and lapel pins. For a short time in 1912 a branch was established in Nashua, but the following year the work shifted back to Milford. A massive order placed by a large tobacco company resulted in a daily production of 450,000 items in 1912. The company closed the Milford operation in November 1916 and moved to Malden, MA. The Ehrman Manufacturing Co. continued production of novelties until its bankruptcy in 1920.

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Consistent with the authorizing legislation, the States are encouraged to submit concepts that promote the diffusion of knowledge among the youth of the United States about the State, its history and geography, and the rich diversity of our national heritage.

Priority consideration will be given to designs and concepts that are enduring representations of the State. Coins have a commercial lifespan of at least 30 years and are collected for generations.

Inappropriate design concepts include, but are not limited to the following: logos or depictions of specific commercial, private, educational, civic, religious, sports, or other organizations whose membership or ownership is not universal.

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